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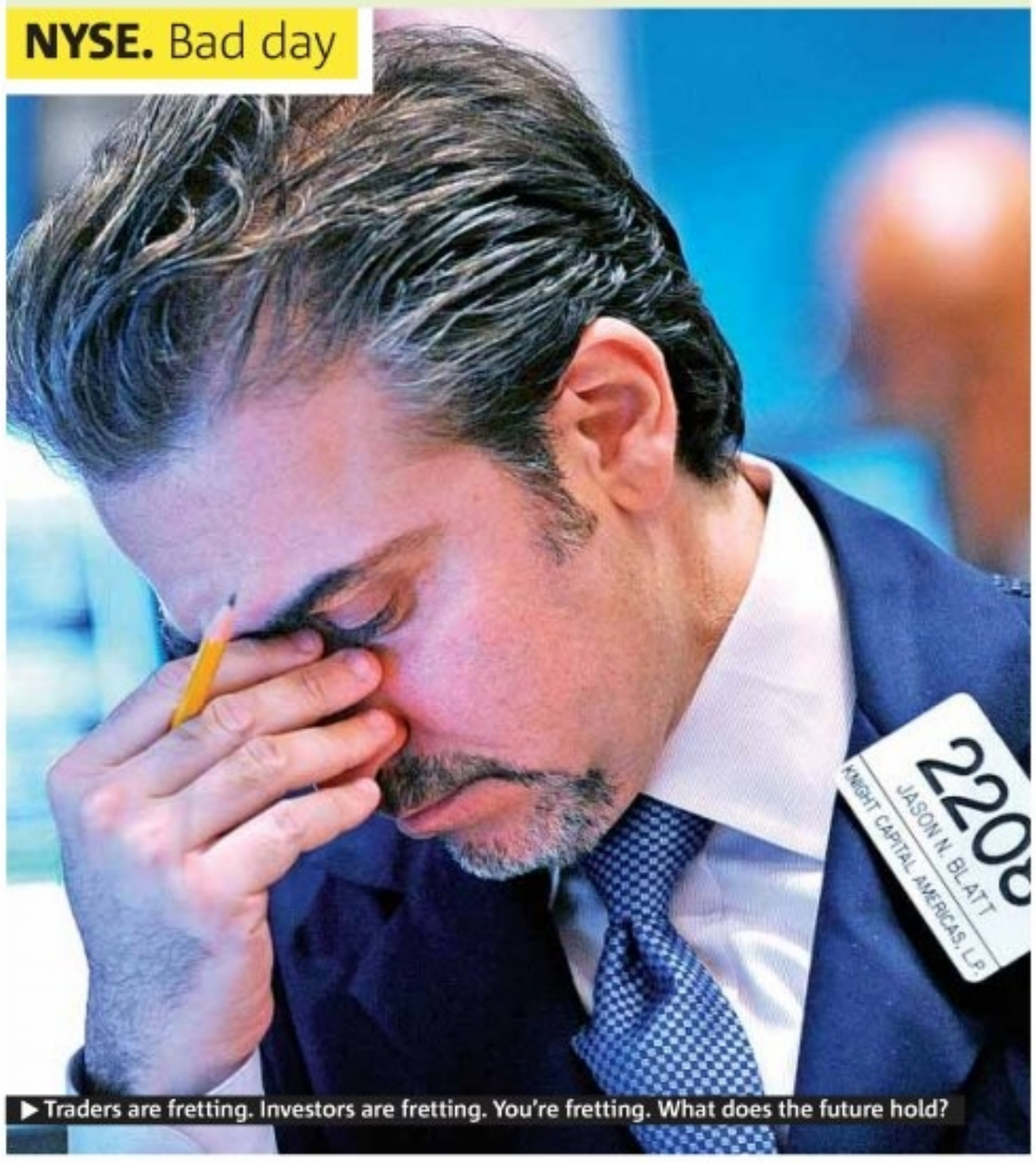

▶ Traders are fretting. Investors are fretting. You're fretting. What does the future hold?

Nation worries as stocks slide

At the end of the worst day for U.S. stocks since December 2008, traders wondered whether today would bring more pain. U.S. stocks plunged yesterday in the busiest session since the "flash crash" of May 2010. While the Dow fell more than 600 points, the S&P 500 lost 6.66 percent to close at 1,119.46, just a few ticks shy of the day's low — a sign that the selling may have not exhausted itself. {page 08}

'Riot' could spell end of free City Hall show

City says suburban kids were the cause of melee at Urban Music Festival ◗ Cops say fights, drunken teens were minimal ◗ 10K more fans than expected {page 02}

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Urban concert may get ousted

Outdoor festival fires up young crowd, spurs fights ◗ Mayor Menino considering moving venue ◗ Ten thousand more than expected flocked to City Hall rap show ◗ Officials say suburban teens were root of problem

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▶ This YouTube video from Saturday's concert shows several teens fighting within the crowd at City Hall Plaza.

Boston officials said suburban teenagers were behind the boisterous behavior during a free concert at City Hall Plaza on Saturday.

With multiple fights breaking out, thousands of bottles being thrown and pot smoke allegedly permeating Government Center, Chris Loh, spokesman for Mayor Thomas Menino confirmed that the Urban Music Festival may not be held at City Hall anymore.

Loh said 10,000 more people than expected attended the show, most of whom were "teenagers from the suburbs."

Boston Police spokesman Eddy Chrispin said "minimal amounts of drinking occurred" and most attendees were kids from the suburbs who may have showed up drunk.

After several videos of brawls between teens surfaced Sunday and comments about the lack of police supervision spurred conversation with city officials, Menino said he might back down on his annual stage of choice.

Menino met with Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis to discuss the disruption yesterday, after one rap artist described the incident as "45k people rioting."

According to a Metro commenter, there was no police presence at the concert when she dropped her child off at the show, and kids were allegedly drinking openly and smoking marijuana near the stage.

Although police said no arrests were made, someone reported hearing gunshots at the show, which sent concert-goers fleeing into the Downtown Crossing area and prompted more police on scene.

Investigators found no evidence of gunshots, according to police reports.

Chrispin said there are 3,000 employed officers in the city, compared to the 50,000 concert attendees, and officers cannot make an arrest for "everything that can happen."

"If there had not been police presence, the whole concert would have become a riot and been out of order," he said. "The fact ... is, there were no major riots or fights, with fights lasting only 40 seconds."

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"The Boston Urban Music Festival has attracted huge crowds in the past and this year is no different in establishing a sense of community."
MENINO'S "PRE-SATURDAY" ANNOUNCEMENT

Boston police presence

Chrispin said 30 assigned officers as well as emergency deployment teams and plain clothes gang units were present at the concert. METRO/SA

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In the news

Sheared stone mystery

A colonial mile marker first put up in 1767 has been severely damaged, but it is unknown how. The stone, located on Harvard Avenue in Allston, was sheared off of its base, according to WBZ. A vehicle may have caused the damage, but it is still undetermined. METRO

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▶ A red panda

Twin pandas born at zoo

BOSTON. A set of twin red pandas were born at the Franklin Park Zoo recently, which was the first birth of the species at the zoo. The twins, one male and one female, were born July 4. They do not yet have a name and are expected to be on public view by the end of October.

The species is scarce and declining as it is threatened by habitat loss in the wild, zoo officials said. METRO

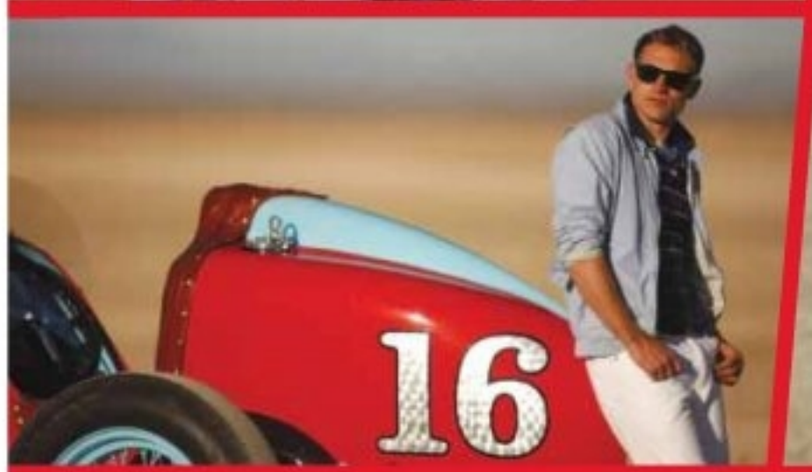
Mattapan man killed in rollover

BOSTON. A Mattapan man was killed in a rollover crash on Interstate 95 early yesterday morning. Jean Charles, 34, was driving along I-95 southbound when he lost control of a Honda Accord and it rolled over. Police were still investigating. BOSTON.COM

Former Southie rep. to be arraigned

BOSTON. Former South Boston state Rep. Brian Wallace will be arraigned today in Suffolk Superior Court on charges he failed to report campaign contributions in 2008. According to reports, Wallace didn't account for $6,300 in campaign contributions.

Attorney General Martha Coakley indicted Wallace in July, along with his former campaign treasurer Timothy Duross. METRO



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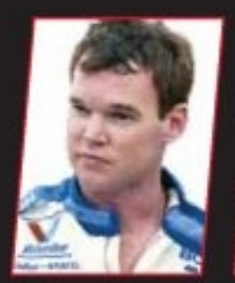

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Runaway car plows into cafe

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▶ Cafe Rialto

One person was injured after a car collided with a Roslindale restaurant early yesterday morning.

The unidentified driver told police she lost control of the car and crashed into Cafe Rialto just after 7 a.m.

The driver was not cited by police and refused medical treatment.

A passenger was taken to the Faulkner Hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening. ● METRO/MN

Thief snatches purse at church

Brookline Police are trying to identify a woman who allegedly stole a purse from a church attendee visiting from out of state during Sunday services.

According to police reports, an Oklahoma woman left her pew to receive communion during Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Church in Brookline, but when she returned to her seat she noticed her purse was gone.

Brookline police reported that witnesses saw a woman in her 40s, wearing a short green rain jacket, plaid shorts and a tan straw hat carrying a bag near the victim's pew. ● METRO/SA

Scott Brown holds court at Dot Boys & Girls Club

◗ Scott Brown shares stories of stealing, joyrides and 'bad decisions' with youths ◗ Senator plays basketball with kids during stop in Boston

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

▶ Brown played basketball, above, and cards, right.

Recounting how he stole things and took his mother's car out for joyrides as a young teenager, Sen. Scott Brown told a group of kids not to make the same mistakes he did.

The state's junior senator spoke to the group at the Boys & Girls Club in Dorchester yesterday. The stop was part of a few visits to Boston organizations.

Brown also discussed his antics and obstacles as a teenager earlier this year in his book.

He recalled some of those stories during yesterday's talk during which he also urged the children to listen to their mentors at the club.

Brown, a basketball fanatic and former player, also played with some of the club's members. He took and missed three shots before changing into a T-shirt and shorts and draining baskets.

"When I was your age, I was making bad decisions. I was stealing, taking my mom's car. Use your brain. There's nothing in this world you can't get if you work hard for it." SEN. SCOTT BROWN

Brown, who is up for reelection next year, also took questions from some of the children. One asked if it gets annoying working in Washington, D.C.

"Absolutely, it gets annoying," he said before adding that he was happy to be working with a certain group of senators that tries to solve problems.

"I'm proud of my job."

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▶ Cara Losier performs at the Cantab Lounge.

▶ Art Collins performs at the Lizard Lounge.

Tale of the tape

About the bouts:

- **All shows on** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are $5 at the door.
- **Battles will take place at several spots** including the Cantab Lounge, All Asia Cafe and The Lizard Lounge.
- **For a complete listing visit:** www.nps2011.com/bouts.

THE FINALS:

- **Saturday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m.** Berklee Performance Center

In 1992, Boston was the second city ever to host the National Poetry Slam, bringing thousands of wordsmiths together to go head to head for championship bragging rights.

Nearly two decades later, the word-manipulating contest has returned to the Hub, kicking off today and launching a weeklong throwdown.

Seventy-six teams from across the country will battle on various stages using their best poetry techniques for the next three nights to whittle the field down to 20 semifinalists.

Teams get three minutes per member to crush their competition by discussing premeditated topics of their choice, or freestyling a verse on the spot.

"The value of slam poetry is interesting because it attracts writers that are thought of as natural introverts."
BEAUBIEN

Simone Beaubien, 2011 NPS city director and Slam-Master of Boston Poetry Slam, said poets generally attack topics like politics, current events and personal experiences.

"Truly any topic can be heard," she said. "You will hear love poems, stand-up comedy — there all many types of styles and ways to attack the mic."

Beaubien said people are bound to get an eclectic spoonful of flavor.

"[Different cities] have different ideas of what is valued on stage," she said.

The five-day event also hosts workshops, open mics, and late-night poetry games open to the public.

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▶ Woods

Tiger dropped by TAG

TAG Heuer, the Swiss watchmaker owned by LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA, ended its endorsement agreement with Tiger Woods when the golfer's contract expired last month.

TAG Heuer, based in La Chaux-de-Fonds, had limited its use of Woods's image in certain markets following a November 2009 car accident that led to his admission of marital infidelity, as well as his personal and professional decline. The company signed Woods in 2002. REUTERS

BoA sued for $10B

NEW YORK. Bank of America shares plunged 20.3 percent yesterday after it was hit with a $10 billion lawsuit that alleged a "massive" mortgage fraud.

The lawsuit, brought by American International Group Inc., raised worries about the growing size of potential losses from mortgage litigation against Bank of America. It also raised questions about the future of the bank's management. REUTERS

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▶ US stock market tanks in first day of trading since credit rating downgraded from AAA ▶ Plunging prices a sword over economy ▶ Obama takes podium to try to reassure country

Plunging stock prices in the wake of Standard & Poor's decision to strip the United States' top-tier AAA credit rating may threaten consumer confidence and could push the frail economy into recession.

While analysts say the direct impact on the economy from the credit rating downgrade itself is limited, a sustained drop in share prices would have a negative impact on wealth — and likely force both consumers and businesses to hunker down.

Consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of U.S. economic activity and analysts at Albion Financial Group estimate the domestic stock market has dropped by about 14 percent since July 25, wiping off $1.93 trillion.

"This massive move in the equity market does dim the economic outlook for the next six months," said Carl Riccadonna, senior U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank in New York. "We would put the recession odds at about 40 percent, and about two weeks ago they were at about a 10 percent chance."

U.S. and global shares have come under relentless selling pressure since late July as investors took a dim view of a nasty fight in Washington over raising the country's debt ceiling and a string of weak economic data around the world.

Adding to the stock market's woes, S&P on Friday cut the long-term U.S. credit rating by one notch to AA-plus on concerns about the government's budget deficit and rising debt burden. Stocks on Wall Street tumbled more than 5.0 percent on Monday, their worst day since December 2008 during the worst of the banking crisis. REUTERS

Explanation

- **What happened?** Credit rating agency Standard & Poor's lowered the U.S. government's credit rating. That affects long-term debt, which means government securities that have terms of more than one year.
- **Why?** S&P blamed political deadlock in Washington that threatens to keep the country from dealing effectively with its debt.
- **What it means for markets and the economy:** The fear is that the downgrade will add to building uncertainty in the stock market over Europe's debt crisis and evidence the U.S. economy is weakening. Rates on Treasury bonds also influence rates consumers pay on everything from mortgages to auto loans. A rise in Treasury rates would send those rates higher. MAINSTREET.COM

Obama: We're still an AAA country

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▶ Obama

President Barack Obama yesterday blamed a downgrade in the United States' credit rating on political gridlock in Washington and said he would offer some recommendations on how to reduce federal deficits.

Obama stopped short of sharp criticism of Standard & Poor's for its downgrade of U.S. debt to AA-plus from AAA on Friday. Senior administration officials have accused S&P of going ahead with the downgrade despite a $2 trillion mathematical error.

"Markets will rise and fall, but this is the United States of America. No matter what some agency may say, we have always been and always will be a triple-A country," Obama said.

Obama said in a White House appearance that he hopes S&P's downgrade of U.S. debt will give U.S. lawmakers a new sense of urgency to tackle long-term deficit spending and said he did not believe the reductions could be carried out with spending cuts alone. REUTERS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

Yesterday's slide marked the first time since November that the Dow has fallen below 11,000.

- Nasdaq – 174.72 (2,357.69)
- S&P – 79.92 (1,119.46)
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10 years on, your chance to respect the victims of 9/11

Metro launches website to mark 10th anniversary of a day of infamy Leave tributes to those who were lost

Metro today launches a new website, allowing readers to pay tribute to the victims of the 9/11 attacks.

The site, 911.metro.us, features breaking news and video on the 10th anniversary of the attacks on New York and the Pentagon.

And there's also a public tribute area where readers can remember those lost or who suffered on 9/11.

"We think it's important that our readers are able to remember those who died that day, or who are still suffering, from whatever cause, because of the 9/11 attacks.

"We'd also invite reflections from those who were not directly affected — 9/11 was one of the most important days in American history," said Tony Metcalf, editor-in-chief of Metro USA.

Comments, which will be actively moderated, can be entered by liking Metro on Facebook (www.facebook.com/MetroNewYork, /MetroBoston and /Metro Philly.)

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

The 'Goodies' on Ciara's 'Fantasy Ride'r

Riders, contracts on what kind of amenities are to be provided for celebrities in order to perform at a certain venue, are nothing new in showbiz (check out our sidebar on the most outrageous celebrity riders below). But **Ciara**, who is now on tour, claims her rider is "very simple."

"I love green tea or throat coat or peppermint tea. Fiji water is a must. I like raw almonds in my rider as well, really just to keep it simple because before I go on stage I don't like to eat too heavy. I have a toothbrush on there and toothpaste and Dove soap," she told Metro on the red carpet at a concert at New York City's Beekman's Beach Club, where she performed as part of the Radio Maliboom Boom Station Invasion Tour. "Maybe when I go on my world tour next time around, I might beef it up. But normally it's about the catering for me. The rider in the room doesn't really matter as much as the catering. The good food is where it's at." — *Additional reporting by Meredith Engel.*

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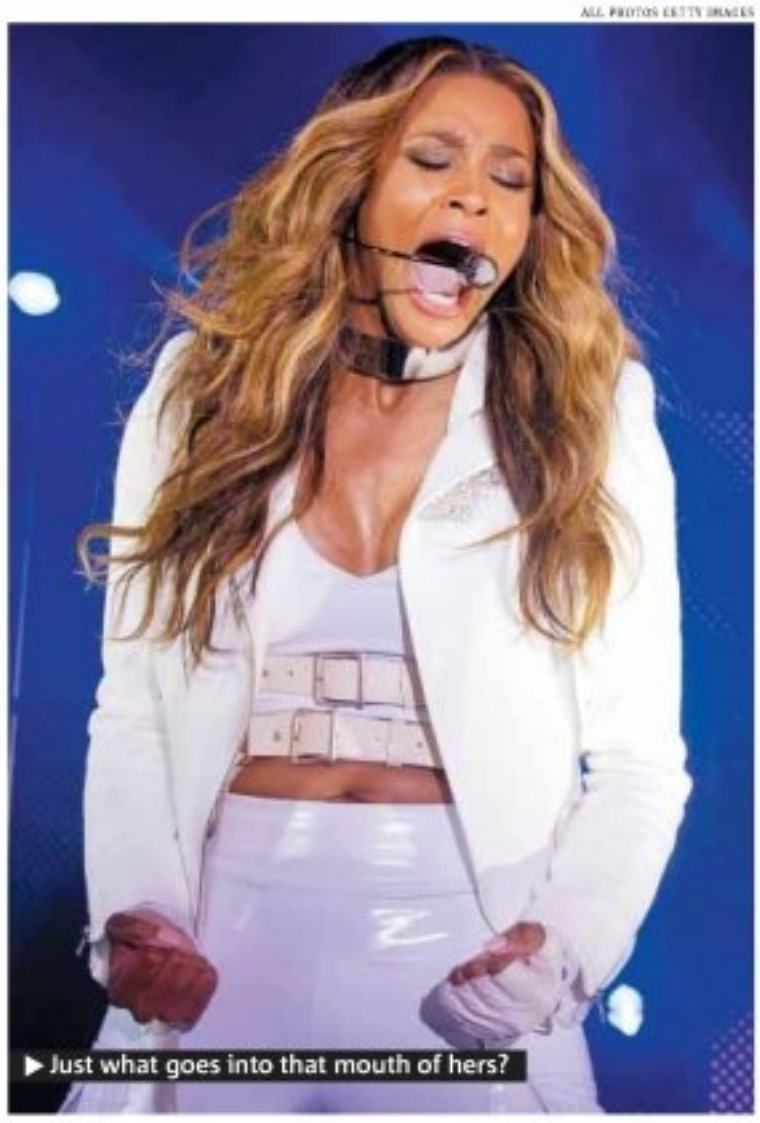

▶ Just what goes into that mouth of hers?

Most unusual celebrity riders

Jordin Sparks: Jar of pickles
Taylor Swift: A grande iced caramel latte with two Sweet'N Lows, a grande iced Americano with two Sweet'N Lows and soy milk and a slice of pumpkin loaf from Starbucks.
Eminem: Lunchables ("three turkeys and three ham with cheese")
Britney Spears: Cap'n Crunch, Fruit Loops and Pop-Tarts
Mariah Carey: A bottle of Opus One Cabernet Sauvignon ($200)
Sen. John Kerry: Szechwan string beans
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Aniston actually happy?

▶ Aniston

After years of agonizing reports about her love life, it seems like **Jennifer Aniston** has finally found happiness (for now!). The actress and her new boyfriend **Justin Theroux** are living it up in Hawaii leading up to Theroux's 40th birthday tomorrow, according to Us Weekly. The couple arrived last week and have spent their time shopping, going on lunchtime retreats and attending a party at **Ben Stiller** and wife **Christine Taylor**'s vacation home. "When they left the store, Jennifer was massaging Justin's shoulders from behind, and he turned around and said something that made her laugh hysterically," a source says of one of their shopping trips. "They seemed giddy in love and genuinely happy together."

Can it be? Can our decadelong national nightmare about Jennifer Aniston's love life be over? For the sake of gossip columnists everywhere, I can officially say: Let's hope not.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Zooey Deschanel is feeling inadequate, Alec Baldwin should know that some newspapers are free and Martha Plimpton is trying to enjoy our current economic woes.

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I would totally dress up like @KatyPerry but I think she looks WAY better in a cupcake bra than I do.

▶ @AlecBaldwin
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▶ @MarthaPlimpton
I'm so excited we're getting our own Depression. I always felt jealous of my Granny and all her "Back in the Depression..." stories.

Zooey Deschanel

Talking points

Lopez isn't sitting around crying, OK?

While her split from **Marc Anthony** has been "painful," **Jennifer Lopez** is reportedly feeling good about her decision to end their marriage, according to People magazine. "She is very relieved to be out of [the marriage], frankly," says a source. "I don't think she is sitting around crying or wondering if she made the wrong decision." In fact, far from sitting down, she's off to Atlanta — twins in tow — to film her next project, "What to Expect When You're Expecting." "For her, it's back to business," the source says. "She is all about her career. She's excited to move on."

Cheryl Cole

The truth behind Cole

Simon Cowell is opening up about exactly how **Cheryl Cole**'s involvement with the U.S. edition of "X Factor" fell apart. "After two cities, I offered her the job, which initially she accepted," Cowell says, according to Radar Online. "And then unfortunately when it went public, the negotiations fell apart, so I thought she would be more comfortable doing the U.K. show than the American show. For certain reasons, [she] decided not to." And while they have been friends for years, the latest episode might have a lasting impact: "She is still grumpy with me," he admits.

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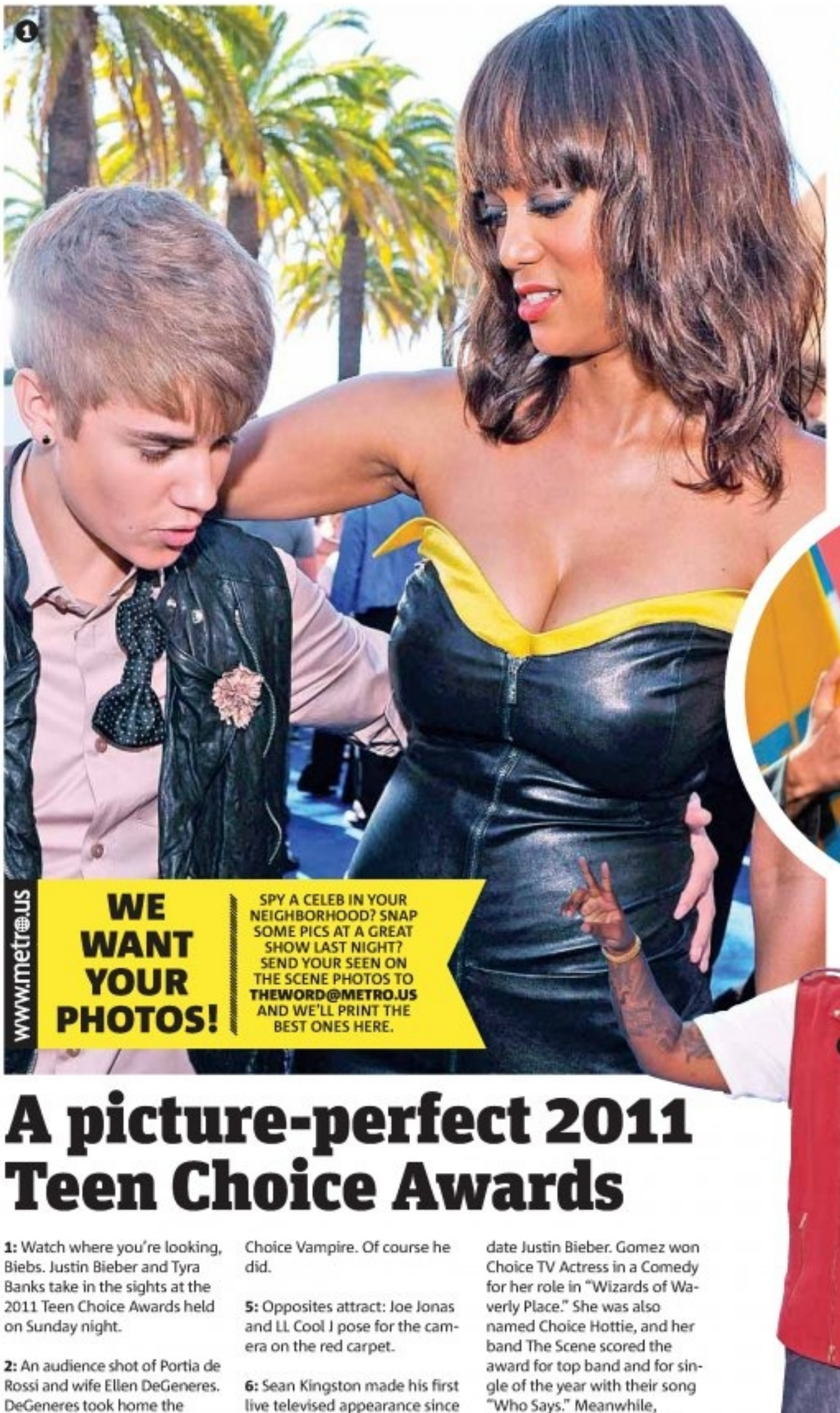

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A picture-perfect 2011 Teen Choice Awards

1: Watch where you're looking, Biebs. Justin Bieber and Tyra Banks take in the sights at the 2011 Teen Choice Awards held on Sunday night.

2: An audience shot of Portia de Rossi and wife Ellen DeGeneres. DeGeneres took home the award for Choice Comedian.

3: "Chuck" star Zachary Levi entertained onstage.

4: Robert Pattinson won for Choice Vampire. Of course he did.

5: Opposites attract: Joe Jonas and LL Cool J pose for the camera on the red carpet.

6: Sean Kingston made his first live televised appearance since recovering from injuries he suffered after crashing a jet ski into a bridge in May.

7: The "Teen Choice" power couple: Selena Gomez with date Justin Bieber. Gomez won Choice TV Actress in a Comedy for her role in "Wizards of Waverly Place." She was also named Choice Hottie, and her band The Scene scored the award for top band and for single of the year with their song "Who Says." Meanwhile, Bieber won for Choice Male Music Artist, Male Hottie, Choice Twit and Choice TV Villain for his "CSI" guest role.

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▶ It's Pippa!

'Crazy About Pippa'

SPECIAL. Don't be surprised TLC is airing a one-hour documentary on Kate Middleton's little sister. Look how many specials and reality series Kim Kardashian's rear end has gotten her. **9 p.m., TLC**

'Dirty Money'

REALITY. A family of dumpster-diving flea market junkies scours NYC for hidden gems they can upcycle and resell in yet another addition to the new "one man's trash is another man's treasure" reality TV genre. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., Discovery**

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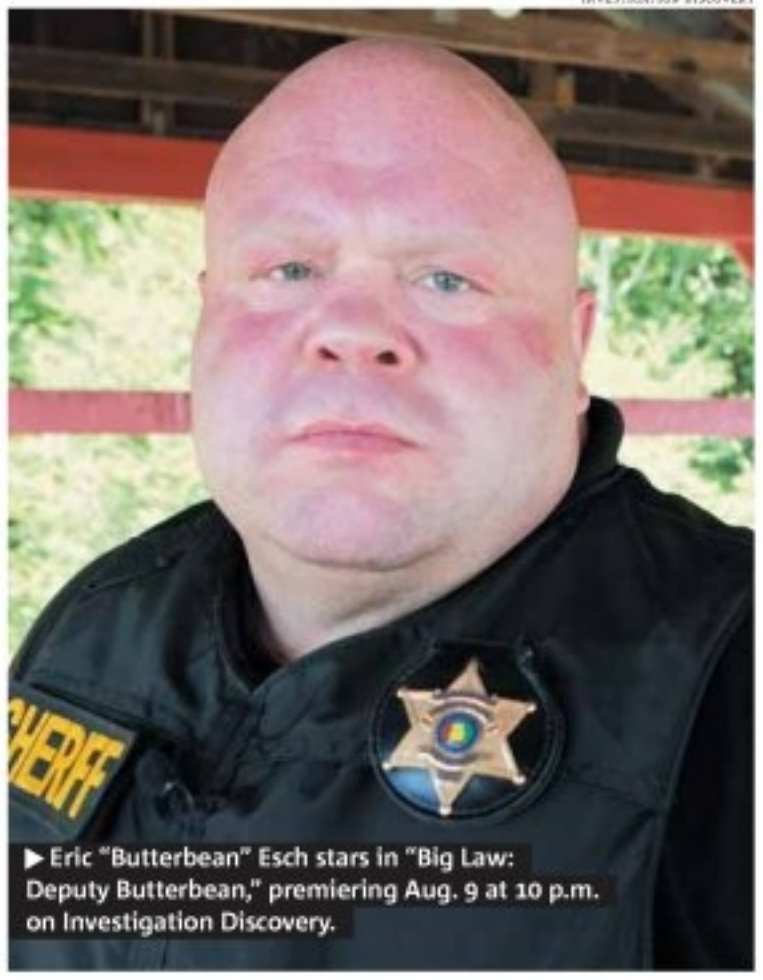
3 Things to know about 'Deputy Butterbean'

Live from TCA press tour: Eric Esch, a 416-pound professional fighter, looks to knock out crime on Investigation Discovery's 'Big Law: Deputy Butterbean'



▶ Eric "Butterbean" Esch stars in "Big Law: Deputy Butterbean," premiering Aug. 9 at 10 p.m. on Investigation Discovery.

This isn't 'Steven Seagal: Lawman'

Esch, who goes by "Butterbean" or "Bean," was deputized about a year and a half before cameras came to Walker County, Ala., where he serves as a reserve deputy sheriff.

"I did this because it's my hometown," he says, insisting the law enforcement job isn't a reality TV stunt.

"I live there," he explains. "I have kids that have to grow up. I have grandkids there. The reason I started helping Adam [Hadder, Butterbean's best friend and partner on the force] in the drug unit is because I want to make it a better place, get rid of a lot of the drugs. If I can make a little bit of change in the town that I live in, OK."

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He may be a former super heavyweight boxing champion, but he doesn't want to fight you

"I'm a levelheaded guy," says Butterbean. "The fighters that have problems [with people wanting to pick fights] are the ones with the big egos. I mean, I use my brain. Your brain is what controls everything. You can talk to people like they're human beings and don't try to bully them around. Sometimes you have to use force. But use logic with them, then they work pretty well."

But he is actually fighting crime

When asked about the most dangerous situation he had gotten into, Butterbean cited house entries.

"Being a vice and narcotics unit, we do a lot of search warrants [and] high-risk entries. And, of course, that's always pretty dangerous," says Deputy Hadder. "We actually got in a car chase during an episode, and that's never that fun."

"The crazy thing," adds Butterbean, "is I wasn't afraid because I have a great team and they trained me well and I really had confidence in them. And hopefully they had enough confidence in me, which I'm sure they did or they wouldn't let me be there."

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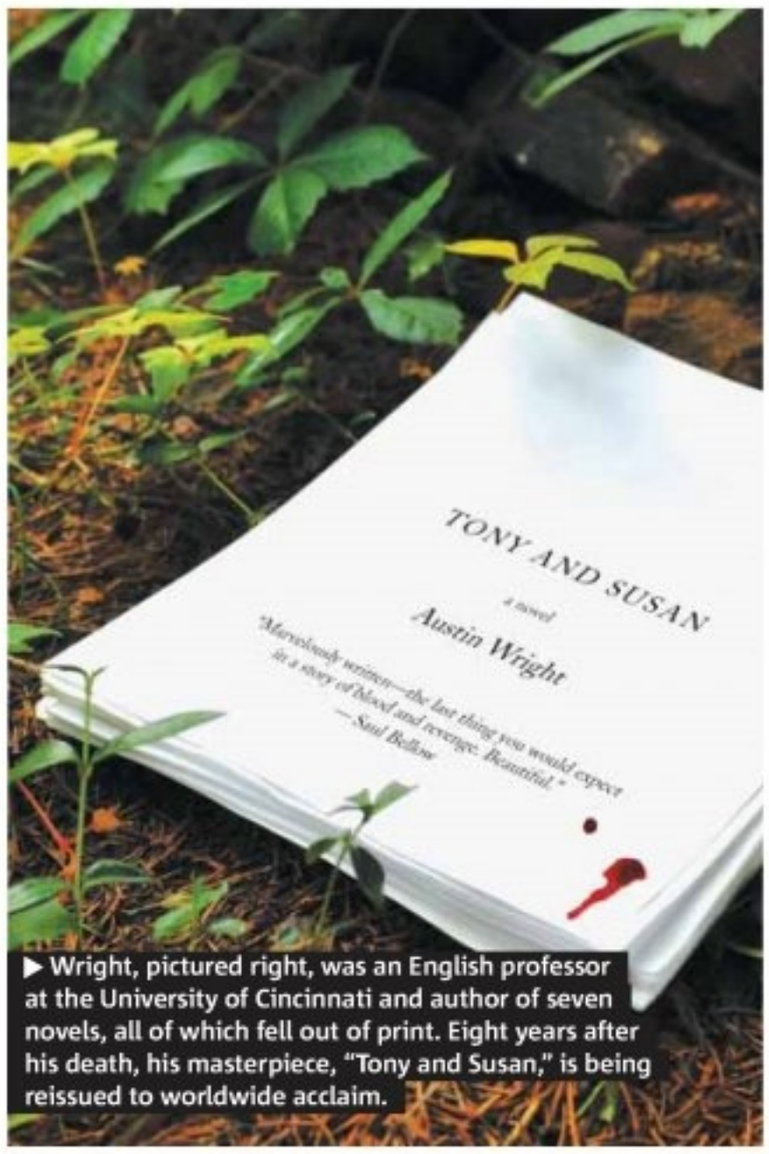
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▶ Wright, pictured right, was an English professor at the University of Cincinnati and author of seven novels, all of which fell out of print. Eight years after his death, his masterpiece, "Tony and Susan," is being reissued to worldwide acclaim.

Rescued from the book graveyard

◗ An author is receiving an unexpected second chance this summer after being out of print for nearly 20 years ◗ The rare story of 'Tony and Susan'

Austin Wright is having a year most authors can only dream of. Not only is his book, "Tony and Susan," a best-seller in Britain, but this week, a major U.S. publisher is publishing the work in the States with a printing of 10,000 copies in hardcover.

Too bad he's not around to witness it: Wright died in 2003 at the age of 80.

Here is the very odd backstory to "Tony and Susan": The thriller was first released in 1993 to a small publishing house. It garnered critical acclaim, but it failed to gain traction with readers. However, over in England, editor Ravi Mirchandani, who read the original manuscript two decades ago, just couldn't forget it. So he decided to investigate what happened to "Tony and Susan" and discovered the book was out of print. The staff at his publishing house loved it, they acquired the rights to it and went on to sell worldwide rights in 15 languages.

"I've never had this happen," says Jamie Raab, Publisher of Grand Central, who bought the rights for U.S. publication for its re-release. "I read the book and thought it was amazing. I wanted to be a part of introducing it to a much larger audience."

Raab knows the whole tale is bittersweet.

"Unfortunately, [Wright] is not around to appreciate it and to enjoy its success," says Raab. "But it's just a seamless book and works on so many levels. I just had to try to get it out there."

The plot

So why did all of these editors fawn over "Tony and Susan" enough to resurrect it? Because it's just so good.

Set up as a novel-within-a-novel, "Tony and Susan" follows Susan Morrow, a mild-mannered college teacher, as she reads a manuscript her ex-husband mails her, a chilling thriller of murder and revenge.

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In the news

Writers, it's time to explore Book Country

Most how-to books on the creative process tell writers to stay far away from the time-suck that is the Internet. But Book Country, a new online platform, lets new writers get exposure, motivation and, most importantly, feedback.

Focused on the genres of romance, fantasy, sci-fi, thriller and mystery, mem- bers upload works in pro-gress, explore and provide notes about work already posted, and discuss the business and craft of writing.

"Traditionally, a writer has to have a full manuscript before reviews are possible," says Molly Barton, president of the site. "With Book Country, he just has to upload a few chapters and he will be able to get feedback on his work."

Book Country also focuses on reciprocity. Members are allowed to upload work only after providing reviews for three other works.

There's also another caveat, says Barton: "A writer cannot ask his friends to join and give his own work a raving review." NICOLAS LIM

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▶ Renzo Rosso, left, and Humberto Leon.

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Cool x3

MM6 Maison Martin Margiela's capsule collection with hip retailer Opening Ceremony finally hit stores

We talk to the creative powers behind the coveted line

Last Fashion Week, editors raised their prosecco glasses at the news of a collaboration between Opening Ceremony, purveyors of downtown cool, and MM6 Maison Martin Margiela, the sister brand to the main label created by enigmatic fashion rock star Martin Margiela. The collection, which hit stores last week, is completely in line with Maison's heady design philosophy, including the "idea of recuperation, transformation and reinterpretation."

Translation: The line consists of 20 separates — with a twist. Based on a three-in-one concept, most items play double duty, expanding your wardrobe without adding more clutter. Unfasten the lining of a jacket and you have another; with a slight tug, boots can be worn as knee-highs or ankle.

We sat down with Humberto Leon, co-founder of Opening Ceremony, and Renzo Rosso, president of Only the Brave (who in 2002 became a majority shareholder of Maison Martin Margiela) to find out how your new travel wardrobe came together.

Whose genius idea was it?

Leon: "I approached them. We do this thing where we feature countries every year, and we decided to feature France. The Maison is based in Paris and it seemed like a perfect fit.

How did the process work?

Rosso: "We give it to our designers, the input, of what we wanted to do, they came up with the design. After, we showed it to the Opening Ceremony people and they put their own vision. They said, 'This is not good, this can be fantastic.'

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Q&A

What are your favorite pieces?

Leon: "The outerwear is my favorite. It's so versatile. We are presenting it for the fall collection, but I think you can wear this all year. I think there is something so special about having clothing that is so multi-purpose; I feel if you pack one piece, you could have four outfits. For traveling, that's amazing. It feels really modern."

Rosso: "The jacket is so beautiful, but the whole collection is terrific."

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Another debt crisis solution

Tax refunds and Social Security are taken from paychecks earned by workers. The real debt solution is balance: cuts with revenue. But the Tea Party applies "Taxed Enough Already" only to the richest 5 percent of the population, not the middle class, so we have cuts without revenue, and none for the rich. It's doubly unbalanced. I have two better ideas: 1) The Americans-First Tax: For every job Big Business outsources overseas (which is "unpatriotic"), tax them triple an American's salary plus all benefits. 2) The Giffords Tax: raise taxes on guns, bullets, clips, magazines, etc., but make gun safety devices and smart-gun technology tax-free.

J. ANDREW SMITH, VIA E-MAIL

S&P downgrade a wake-up call

There is good reason for Standard & Poors to downgrade Uncle Sam's credit rating. They have only said publicly what many have been thinking: that both the president and Congress on a bipartisan basis failed in dealing with our financial crisis. At the end of the day, we will increase our long term debt from $14 trillion to $16 trillion over the next two years. The president and Congress can only identify modest cuts in the billions. They punted by setting up another joint House/Senate congressional committee to come up with more cuts later. Significant real cuts in spending have been put off until 2016. The simple answer to the budget crises would have been a return to 2008 spending levels. This should have been followed by a one for one basis; cut a dollar in direct spending for every dollar you raise the debt ceiling. To add insult to injury, Congress has adjorned for the rest of August while the crisis continues.

LARRY PENNER, VIA E-MAIL

Blame it on the reign

I can't conceive what voters were thinking last year when they elected the current crop of Republican freshmen to Congress, most of whom were spouting nonsense throughout the campaign season and proving ignorant of basic civics. Anyone who complains about "Washington" being broken can look to the Tea Party Republicans and their supporters, first and foremost. The sooner they're out of office, the better for the rest of us.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** If you are self-assured and persistent about whatever it is you take on, this can be a productive day for you. Should you encounter any resistance, push the pedal to the metal.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Unless you follow through on whatever opportunities are available to you, regardless of how small or large they might be, you won't be successful.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Just because your first effort fizzles, you shouldn't give up too easily. If you're ready to keep up the effort, your probabilities for success will be greatly enhanced.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Just because someone isn't in total accord with you, it doesn't mean she or he doesn't think you're smart. Don't be defensive; try to see the issue from this person's perspective.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Treating others in a self-serving manner could cause them to back off all right, but to what avail? They're apt to be reluctant to be your friend.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** An unreasonable person can be turned around if you continually treat this individual with respect and courtesy, in spite of his or her behavior. The contrast will make your case.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If you are working on something important, be sure to monitor a co-worker who usually does things in a hasty, careless manner.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** In order to be effective, your priorities must be kept in proper order. Be sure you take care of essential matters first and save frivolous trifles until later, when all your work is done.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** When the going gets tough, you're likely to get even tougher. You'll refuse to be intimidated, but instead will welcome the chance to prove just how resilient and hardy you are.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't shoot down a great idea just because it doesn't come from you. Achieving something especially good should be more important than who thought of what.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Try not to be too much of a spendthrift when it comes to your resources. Just because it's easy to take money out of the bank doesn't mean it'll be easy to put any back.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Make people feel significant and respected by displaying patience at all times, regardless of who they are or what they're saying or doing.

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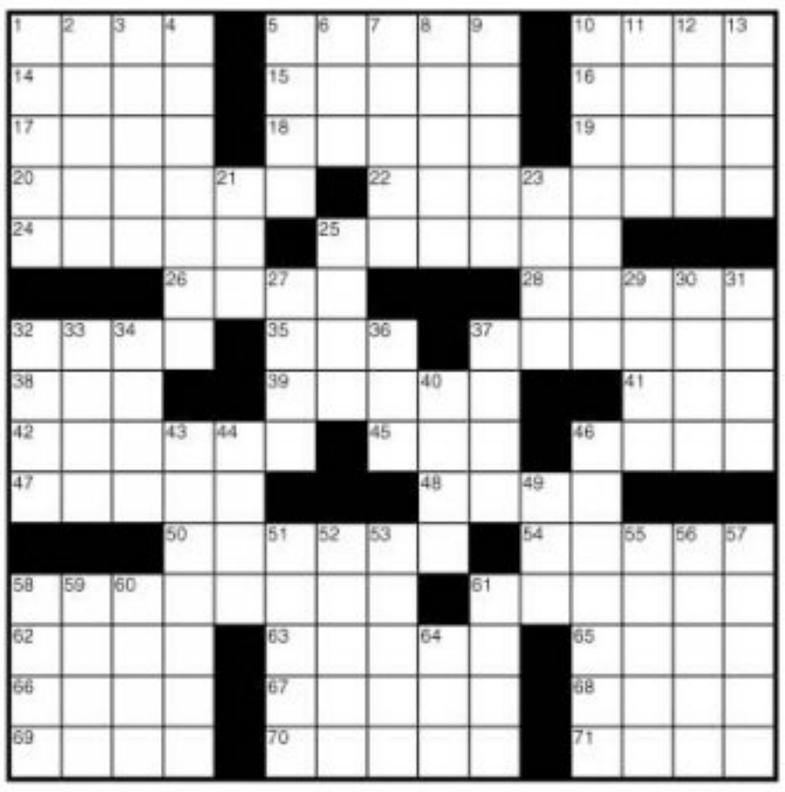

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Nantucket may be packed with people all summer, but there are places you can go to get away

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Eat

While we're on the topic of delicious food, **American Seasons** is a comfortably funky eatery a few blocks away from the cobblestone hustle and bustle. Those in the know take the extra walk to delight in chef Michael LaScola's artistic menu choices. We can't recommend enough the Crispy Pork Belly and Seared Octopus on a bed of homemade kimchee. If you like the pig, you may want to go to the island on the second week in October for Hogtoberfest. Another top choice for dining is **Corazon del Mar** with Mexican cuisine so authentic that it may finally dispel the myths of the island as a lily-white enclave.

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Don't miss this!

If you visit the island before the end of the month, you need to see artist Tom Deininger's display at the **Gallery at Four India**. This self-portrait does not do justice to the genius of this Rhode Island-based artist. See, this is not a painting. This is a carefully assembled three-dimensional hodgepodge of baby dolls, sneakers, cassette tapes and discarded electronics. Amazing!

See

Speaking of unexpected, the **Nantucket Whaling Museum** has taken what could have been an embarrassing relic of a cruel and outdated economic engine and turned it into an informative and entertaining experience. The island has come to terms with its whaling past and details it with multimedia presentations, weapon demonstrations and lively live narration about how before the island transitioned into tourism, it was for a brief time the center of the world. This is all done underneath a gigantic whale skeleton.

Experience

If there is any part of your journey to Nantucket that is a "how the other half live" exploration, then you need to do the 20-minute bluff walk in **Siasconset**. Stretching along the elbow of the island, the path literally takes you through the backyards of some of the most beautiful homes on the island, preceded by the quintessentially quaint Nantucket cottages on Front Street.

Patriots attack has its targets, threats

New England's offense was potent last year • Little reason to expect a drop-off in 2011 • Green-Ellis leads the RB corps • Ochocinco tops at WR

The Patriots scored the most points in the NFL last season. And with essentially all of their productive offensive players returning, there's no reason to believe they can't do it again.

New England sports five legit running backs; look for them to contribute in a "committee" fashion.

On the receiving end, the addition of Chad Ochocinco — along with full seasons of Deion Branch and Wes Welker — gives Tom Brady plenty of terrific options.

The Pats took two running backs — Steven Ridley and Shane Vereen — relatively high in this year's draft, ending Fred Taylor's time in Foxborough. But it looks like Kevin Faulk will hang on for one more year, probably in a teaching role.

Unless they put Faulk on IR or move someone to the practice squad, Sammy Morris seems to be the odd man out. There's just no way the Pats keep six at this position.

With the number of talented backs and wide receivers on the team, it's highly unlikely BenJarvus Green-Ellis hits the 1,000-yard mark again this year.

But is a 1,000-yard receiver out of the question?

The Pats have a trio of bona fide pass-catchers in Ochocinco, Branch and Welker. But there's a drop-off after that "Big Three."

Julien Edelman and Brandon Tate have shown flashes, but nothing consistent. But they're still immensely valuable on punt and kick returns.

Taylor Price is a work in progress, but Bill Belichick has said he's improved just about everywhere since his rookie campaign. He should see more time in the field this season.

Matthew Slater is more of a special teamer — and, even if kept, won't see much time at wideout.

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▶ Don't expect BenJarvus Green-Ellis to rush for 1,000 yards again.

RBs in short

- **Major additions**
  Steven Ridley; Shane Vereen (rookies)
- **Major departures**
  Fred Taylor
- **Projected depth chart**
  1. BenJarvus Green-Ellis
  2. Danny Woodhead
  3. Steven Ridley
  4. Kevin Faulk
  5. Shane Vereen

  Out: Sammy Morris

Breaking it down

We'll have plenty on the entire Patriots roster this week, leading up to **Thursday's preseason opener against the Jaguars**. Next up, we take on the offensive and defensive lines.

WRs in short

- **Major additions**
  Chad Ochocinco (trade)
- **Major departures**
  None
- **Projected depth chart**
  1. Chad Ochocinco
  2. Deion Branch
  3. Wes Welker
  4. Julien Edelman
  5. Brandon Tate
  6. Taylor Price

  Out: Matthew Slater

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Signings give Pats a new flexibility on 'D'

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▶ With the addition of Andre Carter — along with Albert Haynesworth, Shaun Ellis and Mark Anderson — the Pats' D-line will present problems for opponents in 2011.

- Belichick happy to have Ellis on Patriots, rather than against them
- Carter will be coming off the edge

Bill Belichick was only too happy to seize the opportunity to add Shaun Ellis to the Patriots this week.

Not least because of what he's done to New England in the past.

Ellis, signed at defensive end along with Andre Carter, has 12 sacks in 15 career games against the Pats.

"Certainly Shaun has played a lot of good football against us," Belichick said yesterday. "He's been a very productive player — he's durable and very consistent. It seems like every time we play him, he lines up there and we have a hard time with him."

Carter, meanwhile, has 66 sacks and 15 forced fumbles in 10 seasons with San Francisco and Washington. Eleven of those sacks came in 2009, the last year the Redskins ran a 4-3 defense.

"Any player we bring onto the team, we feel like can help our team."
PATRIOTS COACH BILL BELICHICK

"Last year when Washington went to the 3-4 defense, it wasn't a good fit for him, evidently, in that system," Belichick said. "But we feel like ... we can use his ability on the edge and he can be effective."

Translation: The Pats are bringing in moving parts — all the better to throw multiple defensive schemes at foes this year.

"How, strategically, we want to move guys around and put them in certain alignments ... I think there's flexibility there," Belichick said.

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Another shot for Bedard tonight

▶ Bedard is 4-7 with a 3.55 ERA this year.

A few weeks ago, Erik Bedard was stuck in last place with the Mariners.

No more.

Bedard will make his second Red Sox start tonight at Minnesota with Boston in a wild chase for the AL East.

Bedard threw just 70 pitches in his Sox debut, a 7-3 loss to Cleveland. He gave up three runs in five innings.

He'll be opposed by Francisco Liriano tonight (8:10 p.m., NESN, WEEI). METRO

Real Madrid signs 7-year-old prodigy

Spanish soccer club Real Madrid is thinking about its future.

Like, its 2031 future.

The famed club this week signed Argentine prodigy Leonel Angel Coira. He's 7 years old.

Seven.

The ultra-rookie, who has a Facebook page with pictures of a visit to Real Madrid, will join the club's youth academy Sept. 6.

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On 'Leo'

Coira, who goes by "Leo," won't receive a salary and isn't eligible to play for Madrid's first team until he's 16 years old.

- **He has told reporters** his idol is Lionel Messi. He prefers passing to scoring.
- **Rival club Atletico Madrid** reportedly pursued Leo before Real moved in.

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